## **U.S. District Court Southern District of New York (Foley Square)** CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-01946-AJN

Documented NY v. United States Department of State et al

Assigned to: Judge Alison J. Nathan

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/04/2020 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/04/2020	1	FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT PLEADING – SIGNATURE ERROR – COMPLAINT against Office of Management and Budget, United States Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of State. (Filing Fee \$ 400.00, Receipt Number ANYSDC–19009327)Document filed by Documented NY. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Exhibit 2, # 3 Exhibit 3).(Schwarz, Ghita) Modified

		on 3/5/2020 (sj). (Entered: 03/04/2020)
03/04/2020	2	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed(Schwarz, Ghita) (Entered: 03/04/2020)
03/04/2020	<u>3</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, and OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, re: 1 Complaint,. Document filed by Documented NY(Schwarz, Ghita) (Entered: 03/04/2020)
03/05/2020		***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING DEFICIENT PLEADING. Notice to Attorney Ghita Schwarz to RE-FILE Document No. 1 Complaint. The filing is deficient for the following reason(s): the pleading was not signed. Re-file the pleading using the event type Complaint found under the event list Complaints and Other Initiating Documents – attach the correct signed PDF – select the individually named filer/filers – select the individually named party/parties the pleading is against. (sj) (Entered: 03/05/2020)
03/05/2020		CASE OPENING INITIAL ASSIGNMENT NOTICE: The above–entitled action is assigned to Judge Alison J. Nathan. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned District Judge, located at <a href="https://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/district-judges">https://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/district-judges</a> . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. Please download and review the ECF Rules and Instructions, located at <a href="https://nysd.uscourts.gov/rules/ecf-related-instructions">https://nysd.uscourts.gov/rules/ecf-related-instructions</a> (sj) (Entered: 03/05/2020)
03/05/2020		Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox is so designated. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1) parties are notified that they may consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Parties who wish to consent may access the necessary form at the following link: <a href="https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf">https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf</a> . (sj) (Entered: 03/05/2020)
03/05/2020		Case Designated ECF. (sj) (Entered: 03/05/2020)
03/05/2020	4	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to Office of Management and Budget, United States Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of State. (sj) (Entered: 03/05/2020)
03/05/2020	<u>5</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Susan Joan Cameron on behalf of Documented NY(Cameron, Susan) (Entered: 03/05/2020)
03/08/2020	<u>6</u>	COMPLAINT against Office of Management and Budget, United States Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of State. Document filed by Documented NY. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Exhibit 2, # 3 Exhibit 3).(Schwarz, Ghita) (Entered: 03/08/2020)
03/24/2020	Z	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE of Summons and Complaint,. Office of Management and Budget served on 3/9/2020, answer due 3/30/2020; United States Department of Health and Human Services served on 3/9/2020, answer due 3/30/2020; United States Department of State served on 3/9/2020, answer due 3/30/2020. Service was accepted by DEREK MAYERS. Document filed by Documented NY(Schwarz, Ghita) (Entered: 03/24/2020)
04/03/2020	<u>8</u>	LETTER MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer addressed to Judge Alison J. Nathan from Emily Bretz dated April 3, 2020. Document filed by Office of Management and Budget, United States Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of State(Bretz, Emily) (Entered: 04/03/2020)
04/06/2020	2	ORDER granting <u>8</u> Letter Motion for Extension of Time to Answer: The above request is hereby granted. Defendants' time to answer otherwise respond to the Complaint is extended to May 8, 2020. (Office of Management and Budget answer due 5/8/2020; United States Department of Health and Human Services answer due 5/8/2020; United States Department of State answer due 5/8/2020.) (Signed by Judge Alison J. Nathan on 4/6/2020) (jwh) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
04/20/2020	<u>10</u>	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE of Summons and Complaint,. Service was made by MAIL. Document filed by Documented NY(Schwarz, Ghita) (Entered: 04/20/2020)

04/20/2020	<u>11</u>	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE of Summons and Complaint,. Service was made by MAIL. Document filed by Documented NY(Schwarz, Ghita) (Entered: 04/20/2020)
04/22/2020	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF INITIAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE: Parties ordered to submit via ECF proposed case management plan and joint letter seven days before conference. (As further set forth in this Order.) Initial Conference set for 7/10/2020 at 03:30 PM in Courtroom 906, 40 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007 before Judge Alison J. Nathan. (Signed by Judge Alison J. Nathan on 4/22/2020) (jca) (Entered: 04/22/2020)
05/08/2020	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to <u>6</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Office of Management and Budget, United States Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of State. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3).(Bretz, Emily) (Entered: 05/08/2020)
06/30/2020	<u>14</u>	ORDER: In light of the COVID–19 public health crisis, the Court will not hold the upcoming initial pretrial conference in this case in person. By July 6, 2020 at 6 p.m., the parties shall submit a joint letter indicating whether they can do without a conference altogether. If so, the Court may enter their case management plan and scheduling order and the parties need not appear. If not, the Court will hold the initial pretrial conference by telephone, albeit perhaps at a different time than the currently scheduled time. To that end, counsel should indicate in their joint letter all times on the date of the scheduled conference that they would be available for a telephone conference. In either case, counsel should review and comply with the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID–19, available at https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/hon–alison–j–nathan. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Alison J. Nathan on 6/30/2020) (ks) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/06/2020	<u>15</u>	JOINT PRE–CONFERENCE STATEMENT . Document filed by Documented NY. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Plaintiff's Exhibit 1).(Schwarz, Ghita) (Entered: 07/06/2020)